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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group, FBIS
SUBJECT: Monthly Report, Okinawa Bureau--March 1983

I. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. Satellite television was highlighted by Delhi Domestic Television Service coverage of the Seventh Nonaligned Summit Conference in New Delhi 7-12 March. We covered the live opening and plenary sessions as well as the daily wrap-ups and various ancillary programming. Editors and associate editors bore the brunt of the unexpectedly heavy processing load, including texting keynote speeches and compiling editorial reports on television coverage of the proceedings. A roundtable discussion by four delegates included

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2. In addition to the 19 March Zhukov talk and the 26 March Studio 9" program, Moscow television coverage on the 6th featured an unusual program with E.A. Shevardnadze, CPSU Central Committee Politburo candidate member and Georgian CP first secretary, candidly discussing problems of labor discipline. The embassy in Moscow expressed interest in the program.

3. On 19-20 March Okinawa backstopped Seoul Bureau's coverage of some Pyongyang Domestic Service and KCNA casts during scheduled power outages at the Embassy in Seoul.

B. Cruising

1. Delhi Domestic Television Service in English via satellite occupied a heavy portion of the Cruising Unit's time and efforts during March. Coverage of the nonaligned summit conference, carried on the 60E Intelsat, required updated program previews and program schedules for bureau operations personnel and for interested consumers throughout the conference session. Following the

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[redacted] The Cruising Unit compiled and sent a full program schedule following observations of the changed transmission mode, and a 2-week content survey is underway.

2. The Japanese "Sakura CS-2," launched on 4 February, appears to have been finally parked at 132E. We observed four carrier signals on this satellite during March, but no traffic has been seen so far.

3. Completing a major cruising effort, the unit finished compiling and poughed to FCS a full update of the types of modulation on all the satellite carrier signals in Okinawa's look arc. Signals were located, observed, and identified on some 114 transponders on 8 satellites.

4. The Cruising Unit began work on the USSR spring/summer frequency changes on 1 April.

II. ENGINEERING

A. Preliminary tests to compare the 8-ft. and 10-ft. dish antennas acquired on loan from the U.S. Army Communications Command, Okinawa, were completed and a report on the test findings is being prepared for ED.

B. The project to install new Reaction Multicouplers in Main Radio has been completed, and the units are now undergoing a 30-day heat test.

C. Chief Engineer [redacted] made a regional engineering trip to Bangkok and Hong Kong bureaus 15-23 March.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. [redacted] became parents of a baby girl, [redacted] on 19 March.

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2. MLC Cruising Assistant [redacted] was promoted to BWT-05 on 1 April, [redacted] position was also upgraded from Radio Operator to Technical Information Specialist in the official MLC nomenclature.

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3. Japanese/Korean Monitor [redacted] was awarded a Quality Step Increase for his sustained superior performance for assisting in the Japanese Unit's expanded coverage from the Japanese press.

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4. MLC satellite Equipment Operator [redacted] was approved for an achievement award of approximately \$450.00 by the MLC and Civilian Personnel Office; this was based on our recommendation for [redacted] work in designing and fabricating a demodulator for the [redacted] system.

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5. The Bureau TCN Evaluation Panel had its annual meeting on 24 March; 35 associate editors and monitors were evaluated and ranked competitively.

6. Recruiting: One Russian monitor candidate, [] has been cleared and is expected to EOD in late summer; we have sent letters offering employment to two Chinese monitor applicants in Taiwan, [] at our request the Civilian Personnel Office has advertised for Japanese Monitor candidates for the bureau, as any new Japanese monitors hired by us would have to be under the MLC. STAT

7. Chinese monitor [] transferred to Okinawa from Seoul Bureau effective 20 March. STAT

8. TDY trainee editor [] successfully completed the field editorial training program and departed Okinawa on 3 April. STAT

B. Support

1. The annual inventory of the housing area was completed by Logistics Officer [] on 30 March. STAT

2. With Headquarters' concurrence, the bureau purchased a Sharp PC-1500 desk-top computer for use initially in the administrative section to prepare the TCN payroll. Several test payrolls have been run on the unit, and debugging is underway. The next application for the unit will probably be the monthly financial status report.

IV. VISITS

A. To the bureau:

CAPT Joseph Smyth, USN, Commander, U.S. Naval Regional Medical Center, Okinawa and senior staff officers for briefing and orientation, 4 March.

[] deputy chief, and [] chief monitor, Hong Kong Bureau, orientation, 6-10 March. STAT

MAJ (Ch) William Lipscomb, USAF, and four members of the Kadena AB Ham Radio Club, orientation, 22 March.

Camp Drake ASC inspection team, communications center inspection, 24 March.

USAF J-6 advisory team, communications center visit, 31 March.

CAPT Gary Banker, USA, Army INSCOM Torii Station, and four officers, briefing and orientation, 31 March.

[] chief, Chinese Unit, Seoul Bureau, orientation, 31 March-3 April. STAT

B. From the Bureau:

[redacted] chief electronics technician, to USFJ J-6 communications
'mini-seminar' at Camp Butler, 31 March.

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V. OTHER

A. [redacted] attended a reception hosted by MG John Phillips for
the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Robert Barrow, who was making his
valedictory visit to Okinawa prior to his retirement in July.

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Acting Chief, Okinawa Bureau

Attachment:

Production Report

cc: Chief, Bangkok Bureau
Chief, Hong Kong Bureau
Chief, London Bureau
Chief, Seoul Bureau